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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

Here in North Baldwin, NY many monopolies exist, my cable, for example, is a monopoly for this area. The water and gas service are also monopolies. Continuing monopolies in these industries is seen as prudent and even useful. Yet, the federal government takes great pains to muzzle and strong-arm Microsoft into renouncing their market position because of their supposed monopoly in the computer software industry.

Microsoft rose to its dominant position in the software industry thanks to sound principles of innovation and intelligent marketing. In order for a business to be successful in America, it must have a unique product and a good marketing plan. My concern on the issue lies in the fact that the Department of Justice put itself in the position of chasing a successful company for the simple fact that it was more successful than its competitors. In my opinion, Microsoft's competitors used the Department of Justice to do their job for them. In that instead of creating a superior product and marketing plan, they chose to tear down the competitive advantage Microsoft has worked so hard to achieve.

Microsoft should definitely comply with the terms of the settlement as delineated by the Justice Department. This settlement contains a series of provisions, increasing competition and forcing Microsoft to change its business practices. They have agreed to these provisions and this settlement to serve the public interest and to allow this country and themselves to move forward.

Please stand by the decision made on November 6 of last year to let the states settle with Microsoft without further federal intervention.

Sincerely,


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